

No. 6528 號八十二百五千六第 日八初月十年寅戊緒光 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 1878. 六拜禮 號二月壹十英 港香 [PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.]

## INTIMATIONS.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.  
—  
THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING  
NOVEMBER 23<sup>D</sup>, 1878.  
**T**HE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA AND  
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY  
will repeat, (by General Desire)  
BALFE'S GRAND SPECTACULAR OPERA  
"SATAN ELLA;  
OR,

In Four Acts and Two Tableaux.

MISS ELCIA MAY AS SATANELLA

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

MORTALS.

COUNT RUPERT ..... MR. H. VERNON.

KARL .....	Mr. J. ROLLINGS.
BRACACHIO (Pirate Chief) .....	Mr. PADDON.
GRAND VIZIER .....	Mr. J. ROLLINGS.
CONRAD (a Pirate) .....	Mr. ADAMS.
BOY SLAVE .....	Master JAMES.
DAME BERTHA .....	Miss A. DRAEGER.
PRINCESS STELLA .....	Miss B. DRAEGER.

IMMORTALS.

ARMANES (King of the Demons) .....	Mr. H. PHILLIPS.
SATANELLA .....	MISS ELCIA M.

RETAINERS, PIRATES, &c.

NEW SCENERY AND EFFECTS,  
As Realized by the

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY:  
ACT 1ST.  
SCENE 1ST—GARDENS OF COUNT  
RUPERT.  
SCENE 2ND—THE DEMON'S TOW

SCENE 1ST--HALL IN THE CASB.  
SCENE 2ND--SEA SHORE.  
SCENE 3RD--SEA COAST--LELIA'S C  
TAGE.  
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ACT 3RD.  
SCENE 1ST--DARK CAVERN.

MARKET.  
ACT 4TH.  
SCENE 1ST—THE DEMONS TOW.  
SCENE 2ND—DARK CAVERN.  
SCENE 3RD—VISION SCENE.

The Operas are produced under the direction of Mr. H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at McKRESE & Co's, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

Dress Circle or Orchestra } TWO DOLLARS  
 Stalls }  
 Pit } ONE DOLLAR  
 Hongkong, 1st November, 1878.

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**C**OMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
 MARITIMES.  
 BUREAUX POSTE FRANÇAIS

**HONGKONG AGENCY.**  
From This Date, until further notice, M  
**HENNEQUIN** will assume the **MANAGEMENT**  
of the COMPANY'S OFFICE at this Port.  
**H. DU POUET**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1878.

**THE BARON DO CERCAL** reiterates that he will not hold himself RESPONSIBLE for DEBTS contracted by the BARONESS DO CERCAL.

Macao, 29th October, 1878.

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**NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES**

in STEAMSHIP "AMAZONE."  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
NOTICE.  
CONSIGNEES - of Cargo per Steamer  
"COPERNIC"

Steamer, are hereby informed that their  
are being landed and stored at their risk  
Company's Godowns, whence delivery may  
be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on  
intimation is received from the Consignee  
before TO-DAY, the 1st instant, at 2 p.m.  
requesting it to be landed here.

Undersigned.  
Goods remaining unclaimed after TH  
DAY, the 7th November, at Noon, will be  
subject to rent and landing charges.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
H. DU POUËY,  
Ag  
Hongkong, 31st October, 1878.

EX O. S. S. CO'S S.S. "ORESTER"  
FROM LIVERPOOL.

**S**HIPPING Orders must be obtained  
the Undersigned not later than SAT-  
URDAY, the 2nd November, 1878, for ship-  
per Steamer "AGAMEMNON."

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,  
10, Abchurch Lane, LONDON, E.C. 4.

**CONSIGNEES** per Company's STEAMSHIP "ORESTES" are hereby notified that the Cargo is being <sup>and</sup> landed at the Godown the Undersigned; in both cases it will be Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be re-  
delivered from Craft or Godown on and after

Goods undelivered after the 2nd Nov  
1878, will be subject to Rent.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents  
Hongkong, 28th October, 1878.

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GERMAN STEAMSHIP "VULC"  
WINZEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG  
PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

Steamer are hereby informed that Goods are being landed and stored at their in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from w delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of Goods from the Boats alongside the Wha at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 2nd N

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
ten notices to the contrary be given before  
TO-DAY.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
WM. PUSTAU & CO.  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 29th October, 1878.

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## POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS

For Swatow, and Amoy.—To-day, the 2nd instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Port Darwin, Cocktown, Sydney, and Melbourne, via Hong Kong, on Monday, the 4th proximo, at 11.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per *Keewang*, on Monday, the 4th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Granda*, on Monday, the 4th instant, at 5 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.**

The Australian Contract Packet "BRISBANE," will be despatched from Hongkong on TUESDAY, the 5th November, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cocktown, Cleland Bay, Bowen, Koppah Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be registered after 11.15 A.M.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 A.M. Supplementaries will be closed with 15 cents into fee outside of despatch.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Gallipoli.

**MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.**

The British Contract Packet "NIZAM" will be despatched with Mails for the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burma, Ceylon, Indian Archipelago, Egypt, Malak, and Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 7th November.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for New Zealand, and Melbourne.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.—

WEDNESDAY, 6th November.

5 P.M. Money Order Offices close.

6 P.M. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 7th November.

7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamp Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters, Registry cases.

10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents.

11 A.M. when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.50 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *ad extra*. *Brindisi*, or *Canton*, Singapore may be posted on late postage, till 11.50 A.M. when the Mail is finally closed.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**

The French Contract Packet "AVA" will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 4th November, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallap, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, and Suez.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mails, &c.—

WEDNESDAY, 13th November.

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 14th November.

7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamp Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Registry of Letters closes.

11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

**POSTAL NOTIFICATION.**

General Post Office, Hongkong, 9th July, 1878.

SIR,—An impression seems to have got abroad amongst the Mercantile Community here that correspondence from China for London when forwarded by the French Packet "AVA" is carried to London more quickly if directed via Naples than sent via Marseilles.

I have pointed out to the senders (who have been induced to do so) that the latter is a most mistaken idea; that this idea is most probably mistaken. As, however, the French Post Office Agent whom I consulted could not speak positively on the point, I have the honour to request information as to whether I am correct in supposing that no time would be gained by sending correspondence or closed mails for London, via Naples instead of to Marseilles.—I have, &c.,

Your Trusty General of Hongkong

J. Tillyer, Esq., C.B., London.

General Post Office, London, 4th September.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 9th July, No. 478, I beg leave to inform you that the advantages would certainly be gained by sending correspondence for London via Naples, the more for England which you once make up for by a voyage by French Packet.

In the ordinary course, these mails, if landed at Naples, would be forwarded via Marseilles, and some of that carried on by the Packet to Marseilles. Such being the case, I have to suggest that the mails in question should be registered in future *ad Naples*.—I am &c.,

Yours faithfully, Wm. H. READE.

The Postmaster-General, &c., Hongkong.

**POST OFFICE NOTICE.**

Mails for the United Kingdom, &c., by French Packet.

Under instructions from the London Post Office, the mails for the United Kingdom by the French Contract Packet "AVA" will be despatched hereafter be forwarded via Naples, as it is understood that a gain of twelve hours results from the adoption of this route.

As it would be extremely inconvenient to direct the mails to be carried via Naples, it would result from doing so, all correspondence intended for the United Kingdom by French Packet will be sent via Naples, even though marked with M. sails.

An impression appears to prevail that correspondence for the Mediterranean states (Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, the Levant, Turkey, &c.) can be forwarded only by British Packet, and that correspondence also by French Packet, if so forwarded generally arrives a week earlier than if it had been detained for the British M. sails.

AFFRER LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, Oct. 22, 1878.

**POSTAL NOTIFICATION.**

Information having been received by His Excellency Governor Pope Hennessy, C.M.G., of the French Contract Packet "AVA," that the General Post Union, it is notified that from that date the postage to be charged on correspondence for Canada will be according to rates in force for Union Countries generally, viz. 6 Cents, except also by French Packet, which will be 10 Cents. Registration, 8 Cents; via Brindisi, 8 Cents. Newspapers and Printed Books, 4 Cents; or via Brindisi, 4 Cents. Registered, 6 Cents. All correspondence for Canada sent via San Francisco unless specially other way directed.

By Command,

Wm. H. READE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd July, 1878.

**COMMUNICATION WITH BATAVIA.**

The French Contract Packet "AVA" will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 4th proximo, and is fitted to the outward P. & Q. Mail from Europe.

The French Packets for Batavia wait at Singapore for the Packet from China, and for the return.

It follows that to forward Correspondence to Batavia with the least delay, the following are the best opportunities—

In the E.W. Monsoon.

The English Mail.

The French Mail.

In the N.E. Monsoon.

A Private Steamer, a few days before the French Mail.

The French Mail.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Office not sealed, that is to say, the boxes fastened with sealing wax, but there is no provision of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of sealing their letters with some recognisable seal, and of sending a card with each box, stating the name of the box and book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to the contents of the boxes, and has caused several Post Office seizures of the contents, and whether part of them might not have been sequestered for the sake of the Postage Stamp.



